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February 19, 2007

Mr. Bryant Smalley
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U.S. EPA Region 6
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RE: Clean Water Act, Section 308 Information Request
Oil Spill in Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or about November 8, 2006
NRC Report No: 817472

Mr. Smalley:

This letter shall serve as Gulfport Energy Corporation's ("Gulfport"), response to your January 25, 2007, letter requesting information in relation to a November 8, 2006 oil spill on Calcasieu Lake, Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

Question #1: A report regarding the spill of crude oil into a water body, which occurred on or about November 8, 2006. (If the name of the water body is not available, use the best description available.)

Response to Question 1:

The following reports are attached:

- a. USCG Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles Pollution Witness Statement,
- b. Uniform Hazardous Materials Reporting Form,
- c. Miller Environmental Services, Inc. Response Report,
- d. Gulfport letter dated November 9, 2006 to the LDEQ, LSP and USCG.

Question #2: The amount of product spilled (in either barrels or gallons).

Response to Question 2:

Less than a gallon of product spilled in the water and was fully recovered. The release occurred during the night and was originally estimated between 42 to 420 gallons. However, at first light it was discovered by both the Coast Guard and Miller Environmental that the majority of the release stayed on the surface of the barge and/or rig.

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Question #3: Duration of the spill event. Report the time and date the spill began, how long the product remained in the watercourse, as well as on the shoreline or banks and when the cleanup operations were considered complete and all product removed from waters of the United States and adjoining shoreline.

Response to Question 3:

The spill occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m. on November 8, 2006. A containment boom was deployed to contain any oil in the water. Miller Environmental arrived on scene at 7:30 a.m. on November 8, 2006, to commence clean up. Both the Coast Guard and Miller Environmental investigated the shoreline and found no presence of product. Clean up was completed by Miller Environmental at approximately 6 p.m. on November 9, 2006. The containment boom and absorbents were left in place for the following week as a precaution for possible rain events.

Question #4: The cause of the spill.

Response to Question 4:

Gas venting through flare stack carried oil product out of flare stack on barge, rig and into water.

Question #5: Name of the immediate receiving ditch, creek, stream, river, lake, arroyo, swale, etc. if known.

- A. Also include the names of all downstream receiving waters that the spill affected.
- B. Additionally, list all downstream receiving water bodies to the first major river or lake, regardless of whether or not the spill affected the water bodies.

Response to Question 5:

Calcasieu Lake

A. N/A

B. N/A

Question #6: Site location map.

Response to Question 6:

Attached.

Question #7: Drawing of the site showing locations of the facilities.

Response to Question 7:

Attached.

Question #8: Sketch of the spill site showing extent of the spill.

Response to Question 8:

Attached.

Question #9: Photographs of the spill and the spill site both before and after cleanup.

Response to Question 9:

To Gulfport's knowledge, there are no pictures of the site before or after the cleanup.

Question #10: Documentation of any penalties assessed by local, state or federal agencies.

Response to Question 10:

To Gulfport's knowledge, no penalties were assessed by local, state or federal agencies.

If you have any additional questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact me at (337) 789-3660

Regards,



Harry Schwartz
Production Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: James D. Palm
Mike Moore
Mike Liddell
Benjamin Russ

**USCG MARINE SAFETY UNIT LAKE CHARLES
POLLUTION WITNESS STATEMENT**

Name: Fitz Pharr
 Employer: GULFPORT ENERGY
 Position: CONSULTANT

MMD / LIC No. (if applicable): _____
 Employer: _____
 Address: _____
 Employer: _____
 Phone: (501) 984-2903 PRIVATE CELL

Date/Time of Incident: 01:30 11-8-06 Location: 5/LSO WELL #143 LAT/LON 91°12'33" - 30°11'13"

Vessel or Facility Name: PARKER 12B

Vessel's Official Number: _____

Source of discharge (i.e. tank number, line, valve, etc.): WELL BORE

Product discharged: CRUDE OIL Amount discharged on land _____ (gals) in water 42-420 (gals)

Waterway impacted: CHICASAU LAKE Harmful quantity observed: sheen - sludge - emulsion Area covered: _____

Cause of discharge: OVERFLOW OF MUD GAS SEPARATOR

Statement: WELL WAS IN WELL CONTROL SITUATION AND
HOLE WAS PACKED OFF / PERFORATED DRILL STRING AT
10,342' TO ESTABLISH CIRCULATION. CIRCULATED 12.5 "/GAL
MUD DOWN DRILL STRING AND HAD GAS + OIL
RETURNS ON ANNULAR. HAD SEEN OIL IN MUD
RETURNS W/ EXCESSIVE GAS. GAS VENTING THROUGH
FLARE STACK CARRIED PACKET OUT OF FLARE
STACK INTO WATER. DEPLOYED OIL SPILL BOOM TO
CONTAIN OIL. RIGGED WELL UP 12.5 "/GAL MUD.
REPORTED INCIDENT TO COLLECTED MILLER
ENVIRONMENTAL FOR CLEANUP PROCESS.

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Fitz Pharr

Date: 11-8-06

Pollution Investigator: John E. Miller

Date: 8/12/06

Witness: John E. Miller

Date: 11/8/06

Uniform Hazardous Materials Reporting Form

NRC Report # 817472
SERC Incident # 06-06889

Date	Time
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Courtesy Call () Reportable (x) Parish: Cameron Notified 11/8/2006 01:35A.M.
 Caller's Name Harry Schwartz Occurred 11/8/2006 01:30 A.M.
 Caller's Employer Gulfport Energy Corporation Secured 11/8/2006 01:50 A.M.

Caller's Phone # 337-789-3660

Incident Location Calcasieu Lake, Hackberry 000 12S 09W
 City Range Township Section

Company Gulfport Energy Corporation, 561 North Main Hackberry, La. 70645
 Name Address City

Chemical Involved Crude Oil Qty. Original est. 42-420 gallons RQ.

Hazard Class 3 ID 1267 EHS () Liquid x Gas

Did material go offsite? Yes Released to: Land Water x Air

Any off-site protective action? Yes Road Closure Shelter evacuation

Wind Direction Northeast
 Wind Speed 5 MPH
 Temperature 60 degrees

Fire: Y () N (x)
 Injuries: Y () N (x) #
 Fatalities Y () N (x) #

Precipitation: None (x) Rain () Other ()

Details: At 01:30 this morning (11-08-06) I was notified by Mr. Fitz Pharr who has been retained as a Consultant by Gulfport Energy Corporation on Parker Drilling Rig 12B of a crude oil release. Mr. Pharr on Parker Rig 12B is in the process of drilling State Lease 50 Well #143 in Calcasieu Lake for Gulfport Energy Corporation. Mr. Pharr's statement to the USCG was as follows: "Well was in well control situation and hole was packed off. Perforated drill string @ 10,348' to establish circulation. Circulated 12.5#/gal mud down drill string and had gas & oil returns on annulus. Had 85% oil in mud returns w/excessive gas. Gas venting through flare stack carried oil product out of flare stack into water. Deployed oil spill boom to contain oil. Killed well with 12.5#/gal. mud. Reported incident and contacted Miller Environmental for clean-up process." The initial estimate of the release was between 42 to 420 gallons of oil in the water. However, upon further investigation by both Miller Environmental and the U.S.C.G., it was determined that the majority of the release stayed on the surface of the barge and rig. The U.S.C.G. and Miller Environmental each observed a "sizeable" sheen in the water which remains boomed off as a precautionary measure and also as further containment should any of the product escape into the water around the barge and rig while in the clean-up process by Miller Environmental, Inc. The Operator on duty as well as Miller Environmental inspected the "coastline" to the west of the release and could find no evidence of pollution affecting the land.



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November 15, 2006

**Gulfport Energy Corporation
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RE: Spill Response Incident

On November 8, 2006, at approximately 0430hrs. Miller Environmental Services, Inc. was contacted by Gulfport Energy to respond to a reported oil release from a drilling rig in Calcasieu Lake near Hackberry, La.

Miller Environmental dispatched a Spill Response Supervisor and an Environmental Technician, along with a response boat and containment boom to the reported spill site. The response team arrived on location at approximately 0730hrs. Upon arrival, Miller Environmental conducted a site assessment. Containment boom had already been deployed around the drilling rig. There was no sign of oil in the water near the drilling rig. Miller Environmental continued its site assessment of the nearby shorelines and was unable to locate signs of a release on the water, but did locate two barges along side the drilling rig with contamination on their decks. The impacted barges had mainly drilling mud contamination with some oil.

Miller Environmental immediately contained the spilled drilling mud and oil to the decks of the barges with absorbent material and began the clean-up. Additional personnel and equipment were deployed to the spill site to assist in the clean up. All standing product was removed through the use of absorbents and a complete wipe down of each vessel and the associated equipment stored on the vessels was performed. The clean up was completed on November 9, 2006 at approximately 1800hrs. Containment boom and absorbents were left in place for the following week as a precaution for upcoming rain events.



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P.O. Box 331
Hackberry, LA. 70645

NRC Report: 817472
SERC Report: 06-06889

November 9, 2006

Subject: State Lease 50 #143 Release
Agency Interest Number: 92464
LADEQ
OEC-SPOC
P.O. Box 4312
Baton rouge, La. 70821-4312

LDEQ Official Contacted: Kevin Natali
LSP Official Contacted: Mr. Threapt
U.S.C.G. Official: Chris Palafox

To Whom It May Concern:

At approximately 01:30 A.M. on the morning of Nov. 08, 2006, Gulfport Energy's Production Supervisor Mr. Harry Schwartz received notification of a crude oil release occurring on Parker Drilling Rig 12-B. Mr. Fitz Pharr who has been retained by Gulfport Energy Corporation as the Consultant on Parker Rig 12-B informed Mr. Schwartz of the release which he estimated to be between 42 & 420 gallons at the drilling location of SL 50 #143 in Calcasieu Lake, Cameron Parish, Hackberry. Mr. Schwartz then made the proper notifications.

Following is Mr. Pharr's statement to the U.S.C.G. who arrived on the location @ 9:10 A.M. : "The well was in well control situation and hole was packed off. Perforated drill string @ 10,348' to establish circulation. Circulated 12.5#/gal. mud down drill string and had gas & oil returns on annulus. Had 85% oil in mud returns with excessive gas. Gas venting through flare stack carried oil product out of flare stack into water. Deployed oil spill boom to contain oil. Killed well with 12.5#/gal. mud. Reported incident and contacted Miller Environmental for clean-up process."

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As of this morning, November 9, 2006, Miller Environmental, Inc. will continue their clean-up of the barge as well as the drilling rig.

If I can be of further assistance, please call at the numbers listed below or Mr. Harry Schwartz @ 337-789-3660 (Cell) or 337-923-2000 (Office).

Thank you,

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Gulfport Energy Corporation
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United States Coast Guard

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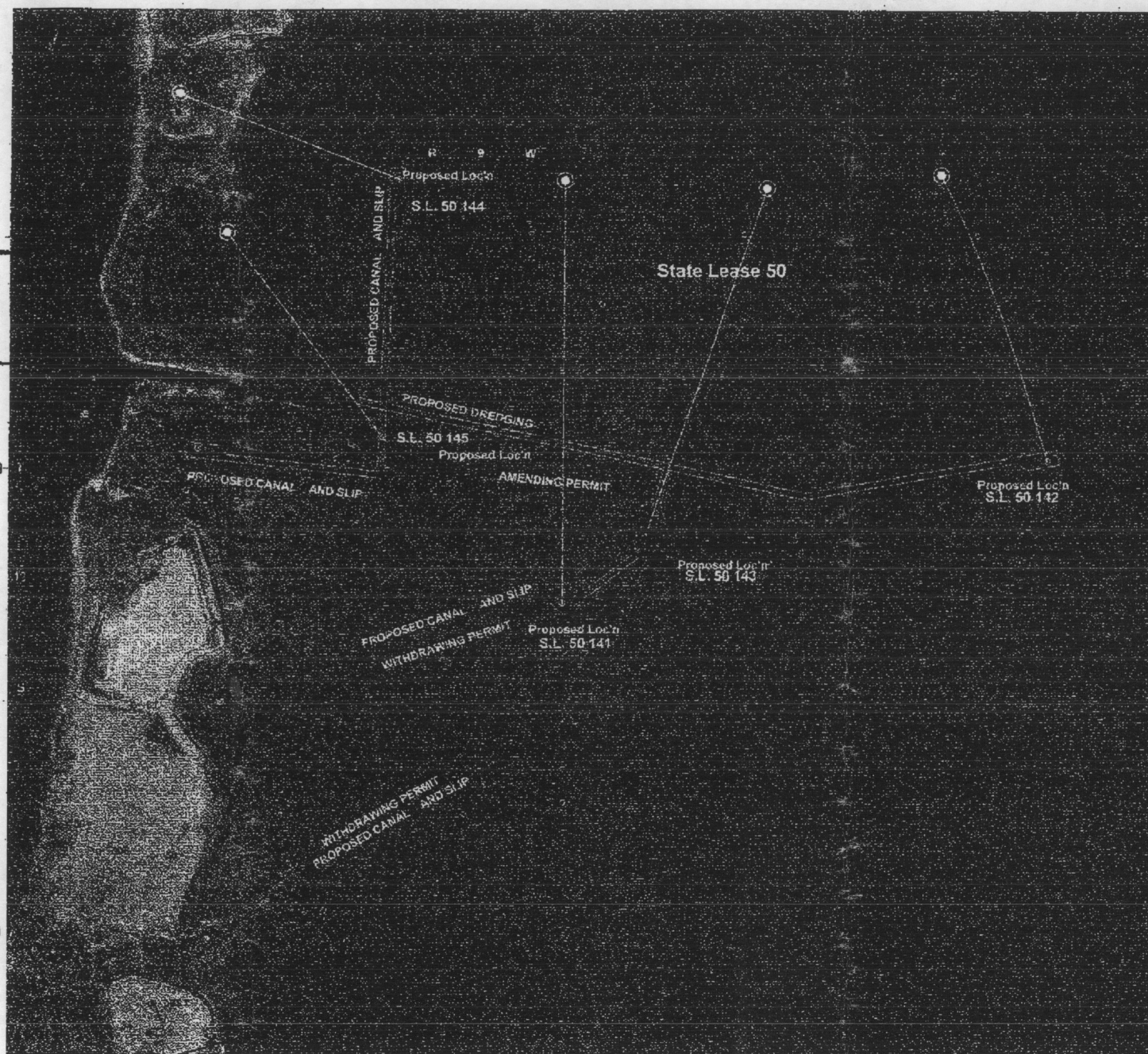
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Release Site

Calcasieu LAKE